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ALEA's Marine Patrol Set to Launch Spring Boating Basics/License Course *Courses Added to Southern and Central Portions of the State*

MONTGOMERY – Springtime in Alabama is just around the corner, so now is the time to prepare for boating season.

Troopers within the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Marine Patrol Division are set to launch Boating Basics/License Courses beginning March 11, with added courses in both southern and central portions of the state. Although the eight-hour sessions are free and open to the public, individuals interested in attending must contact ALEA's Marine Patrol to reserve a space.

Marine Patrol Division Chief Steve Thompson said, "We want to ensure all vessel operators and passengers are safe while enjoying Alabama's lakes, rivers and other bodies of water. Prospective boaters who complete the course will have an opportunity to obtain a Boating Basics certificate, which is required for the boater endorsement on Alabama's driver license."

The one-day course sessions are designed to include interaction with Troopers in ALEA's Marine Patrol Division, who spend time on the local waterways and discuss the particular challenges boaters may face. Anyone age 12 and older is welcome to sign up for the class as 12-year-olds are eligible to obtain a vessel operator's license for operating a vessel when accompanied by a licensed adult. At age 14, they are allowed to operate a vessel alone.

Upcoming classes will be held in southern and central portions of the state. Prospective boaters are encouraged to email the following Marine Patrol Troopers for the session they would like to attend and to confirm times and dates.

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ALEA – MARINE PATROL DIVISION

REGION 1 – BOATING SAFETY / BOATER LICENSE CLASSES

February - April 2023

CITY	DATE / TIME	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR	EMAIL
Jackson	March 11, 2023 8am - 5pm	Jackson Fire Department 102 Collage Avenue, Jackson AL 36545	Trooper Justin Session:	justin.sessions@alea.gov
Jackson	April 1, 2023 8am - 5pm	Jackson Fire Department 102 Collage Avenue, Jackson AL 36545	Trooper Justin Session:	justin.sessions@alea.gov
Evergreen	March 30-31, 2023 6p-9p each day	Herbert Fire Department 29568 Highway 84, Evergreen AL36401	Trooper Benjamin Pate	benjamin.pate@alea.gov
Evergreen	April 23 2023 8am	Herbert Fire Department 29568 Highway 84, Evergreen AL36401	Trooper Benjamin Pate	benjamin.pate@alea.gov
Magnolia Springs	February 18, 2023 8am	Magnolia Springs VFD 14809 Gates Ave, Magnolia Springs AL 36555	Trooper Kenneth Wade	kenneth.wade@alea.gov
Orange Beach	March 27-28, 2023 5pm-9pm each day	Orange Beach Fire Department 4099 Orange Beach Blvd Orange Beach AL 36561	Trooper Jacob Manning	jacob.manning@alea.gov
Orange Beach	April 5-6, 2023 5pm-9pm each day	Orange Beach Fire Department 4099 Orange Beach Blvd Orange Beach AL 36561	Trooper Jacob Manning	jacob.manning@alea.gov
Irvington	March 29-30, 2023 5pm-9pm each day	St. Elmo Volunteer Fire Department 9130 Dodge Rd. Irvington, AL 36544	Trooper Daryl Bosarge	richard.bosarge@alea.gov
Bay Minette	April 13-14, 2023 5pm-9pm each day	Bay Minette Fire Department 608 D'Olive St. Bay Minette, AL 36507	Trooper Jessie Peacock	jessie.peacock@alea.gov
Mobile	April 15, 2023 9am-5pm	Mobile Police Department, 1st Precinct 2601 Dauphin Island Parkway, Mobile, AL 36605	Trooper Richard Irsik	richard.irsik@alea.gov
Mobile	April 22, 2023 9am-5pm	Mobile Police Department, 1st Precinct 2601 Dauphin Island Parkway, Mobile, AL 36605	Trooper Chad Wynne	chad.wynne@alea.gov
Spanish Fort	April 23, 2023 9am-5pm	Five Rivers Delta Center 30945 Five Rivers Blvd. Spanish Fort, AL 36527	Trooper John Smith	john.smith@alea.gov
Summerdale	April 29th 9am-5pm	Fish River Marlow Fire Department 13355 County Road 32, Summerdale AL 36580	Trooper Kenneth Wade	kenneth.wade@alea.gov



ALEA – MARINE PATROL DIVISION

REGION 2 – BOATING SAFETY / BOATER LICENSE CLASSES

March - April 2023

CITY	DATE / TIME	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR	EMAIL
Prattville	Mar. 11, 2023 9A - 5P	Doster Community Center 424 S Northington Street, 36067	Tpr. M. Westbrook	marshall.westbrook@alea.gov
Alexander City	Apr. 1, 2023 9A - 5P	The Ridge Marina 450 Ridge Marina Rd., 35010	Tpr. C. Robinett Tpr. J. Walker	corey.robinett@alea.gov jonathan.walker@alea.gov
Alexander City	Apr. 8, 2023 8A - 5P	The Ridge Marina 450 Ridge Marina Rd., 35010	Tpr. C. Robinett Tpr. T. Morgan	corey.robinett@alea.gov tracy.morgan@alea.gov
Prattville	Apr. 22, 2023 8A - 5P	Doster Community Center 424 S Northington Street, 36067	Tpr. M. Westbrook	marshall.westbrook@alea.gov
Dadeville	Apr. 29, 2023 9A - 5P	Zazu's Verandah 128 W Cusseta St, 36853	Tpr. C. Robinett	corey.robinett@alea.gov
Andalusia	Apr. 29, 2023 9A-5P	Wilbur Williams LETC 229 Academy Dr, 36420	Tpr. T. Morgan	tracy.morgan@alea.gov
Enterprise	Apr. 15, 2023 9A-5P	Enterprise Farmers Market 525 N. Main St., 36330	Tpr. T. Morgan	tracy.morgan@alea.gov